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Mr. C. W. Posey
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Dear Mr. Posey:

I received copy of your letter that you wrote to Commissioner Chandler. I want to compliment you on the manner in which you approached the Negro Baseball situation with him. I do hope that the Commissioner will form an opinion and make a ruling which will protect the rights of the Negro League to the services of the players that have been playing with and are now under reservation or contract to those Leagues.

I have written the Commissioner calling his attention to the fact that custom makes Law and that both the Negro National and American Leagues are under this custom entitled to every consideration and fair dealing from Organized Baseball. We have helped them to grow, cooperated with them in every way, shape and manner in allowing them to use our Ball parks and this close association between Organized Baseball and the Negro League entitles the Negro Leagues to equity and fair play in regard to their ball players.

Your two Leagues have established a splendid reputation and now have the support and respect of the colored people all over this country as well as the decent white people. They have not pirated against organized baseball nor have they stolen anything from them and Organized Baseball has no moral right to take anything away from them without their consent. Mr. Rickey publicly denounced Negro Baseball as racket. This assertion you can prove not to be true.

I understand that Mr. Rickey told Commissioner Chandler that Robinson was not under contract to the Kansas City Club but whether he was or wasn't, he certainly made a verbal agreement with the Kansas City Club that he would play ball with them for so much per month. This in itself constitutes a contract, for, had Kansas City failed to pay him he could have gone to court and collected his salary.

Mr. Posey, anything that is worth while is worth fighting for, so you folks should leave not a stone unturned to protect the existence of your two established Negro Leagues. Don't let anybody tear it down. This is the third time that an attempt has been made by "one" party. It is my belief that Commissioner will give you relief.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

Clark Griffith, President